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Former Foundation Exec Charged with Public Corruption

The former executive director of the Los Angeles Trade-Technical College Foundation was arrested today on a variety of public corruption charges, including embezzling nearly \$140,000 in public money, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Dana Aratani with the Public Integrity Division said Jiah Rhea Chung (dob 6/5/70) was arrested at her Los Angeles business by investigators with the D.A.'s Bureau of Investigation. She is being held on \$115,000 bail.

Aratani said Chung allegedly gave herself unauthorized bonuses and pay by using forged checks. The complaint alleges the crimes occurred on or between Jan. 1, 2009, and Nov. 1, 2011 while Chung served as executive director of the foundation.

She is charged in case BA419230 with three felony counts each of misappropriation of public funds, embezzlement and forgery. The complaint alleges that she stole more than \$65,000 in public money.

Chung is scheduled to be arraigned Feb. 18 at the Foltz Criminal Justice Center, Department 30. If convicted, she faces up to 10 years in state prison.

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